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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SECURITY & EMPOWERMENT
OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

NOTIFICATION

The 15th May, 2025

No.5241—SSEPD-DA-6-SCH/0007/2021/SSEPD.— In pursuance of the provision made under Rules 10 (1) Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Rules, 2020, and in order to make a comprehensive guideline for Rehabilitation and Welfare of Transgender Persons in the State and to protect their best interest as per the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019, the State Government of Odisha hereby constitutes the State Transgender Welfare Board, Odisha.

1. The State Transgender Welfare Board shall consist of the following—

A Transgender Welfare Board is hereby constituted, comprising the following members, to monitor and oversee the implementation of the schemes adopted for Transgender community in Odisha.

1.	Hon'ble Minister, Social Security & Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities	Chairman
2.	Secretary, Social Security & Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities	Vice-Chairman
3.	Director, Social Security & Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities	Member Secretary
4.	Representative of Health & Family Welfare Department	Member

5.	Representative of Panchayati Raj & Drinking Water Department	Member
6.	Representative of Housing & Urban Development Department	Member
7.	Representative of Skill Development & Technical Education Department	Member
8.	Representative of Higher Education Department	Member
9.	Representative of School & Mass Education Department	Member
10.	2 representatives of Transgender Person Community across the State	Members
11.	3 District Collectors on rotation basis	Members
12.	2 representatives of NGOs working for the community	Members

The members shall be nominated by the Government from time to time through notifications.

2. Duration

The term of office of the Board shall be for a period of 3 years. On completion of 3 years the Department will take steps for reconstitution of the Board.

3. Eligibility criteria of Non-official TG Members

- a. Should have registered with the District Administration and received an ID Card.
- b. Should not be below 25 years of age.
- c. Should be a graduate at an approved educational institution.
- d. Should have minimum 5 years of working experience with TG Community.

4. Objective of the Board:

The Board will,

- a. Look after education, employment, housing, and health schemes for transgender and protect their Constitutional and human rights.
- b. Study the needs and requirements of transgender persons from time to time through surveys, researches and evaluation in such manner as may be necessary.

- c. Ensure that sufficient and quality development projects, programmes and schemes are formulated and adequate funds are allocated for effective implementation of TG Policy.
- d. Ensure convergence of existing schemes across departments for a more targeted and focused approach towards ensuring the well-being of the TG community.
- e. Monitor implementation of various welfare and other programmes of TGs in the districts.
- f. Act as connecting link between Central Governments and State Governments.
- g. Provide necessary guidance to transgender community for education, employment and health will be provided to the community & also guidance on the benefit of various schemes run by the state government.
- h. Take steps for framing various social welfare schemes for the betterment of community.
- i. Take measures to regain their respect and place in the society.
- j. Issue guidelines as necessary to ensure equality and equity of TGs.
- k. Use multiple channels such as newspaper, television, and brochures to inform the TG communities about the schemes available under various government departments, and how to access and use those schemes.

5. Sitting Allowance

The Non-official members shall be eligible for sitting allowance as may be determined by SSEPD Department from time to time.

6. Meeting

The Board shall ordinarily meet once in every quarter.

By Order of the Governor

R.S. GOPALAN

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